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DATE: 6/30/2022

FILE: P.I.# 0013998
Oconee & Walton Counties / GDOT District 1 - Gainesville
SR 186 @ Apalachee River – Bridge Replacement

FROM: *Dane Peters*
for R. Christopher Rudd, PE, State Design Policy Engineer

TO: SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: APPROVED LOCATION & DESIGN REPORT


Attached is the approved Location and Design Report with Notice of Location & Design Approval for the above subject project.

Attachment

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FILE: P.I. 0013998, Oconee & Walton Counties
SR 186 @ Apalachee River

DATE: March 17, 2022  For

FROM: Kimberly W. Nesbitt, State Program Delivery Administrator

TO: Office of Design Policy and Support via ConceptReports@dot.ga.gov

SUBJECT: Submittal – Location and Design (L&D) Report

The Office of Program Delivery hereby submits the attached Location and Design (L&D) Report for your review and approval.

If any additional information is needed, please contact Recheal McMullin at (334) 233-2231.

KWN:CLB:SHP:DDC:CBF:RDM

Attachments: Preconstruction Status Report, Completed Location & Design approval request

cc: ProjectWise File



Location and Design Report

DATE: 3/8/2022

FILE: P.I.# 0013998
Oconee & Walton Counties / GDOT District 1 - Gainesville
SR 186 @ Apalachee River

FROM: *for* Kimberly W. Nesbitt, State Program Delivery Administrator

TO: R. Christopher Rudd, P.E., State Design Policy Engineer
Attn: Dave Peters, P.E., State Conceptual Design Group Manager

SUBJECT: Request for Location and Design Approval

Description and Project Proposal: The proposed project will replace the existing 468-foot long bridge at SR 186 and Apalachee River with an approximately 474-foot-long bridge with 12-foot travel lanes and 8-foot shoulders. This project located in the town of North High Shoals in Oconee and Walton counties. The overall project length is approximately 0.3 miles. The substandard existing bridge will be replaced with a bridge that meets current standards and is structurally sufficient. The proposed off-site detour route has a net length of 15.8 miles and utilizes only state routes within the area. The proposed roadway typical section consists of 12-foot wide travel lanes. The shoulders will be widened to 8-foot shoulders (4-foot paved) and 13.5-foot shoulders in some areas with extended guardrail. The proposed bridge typical section consists of 12-foot wide lanes and 8-foot wide shoulders. This project will last 15 months and will include an off-site detour.

Concept Approval Date: June 6, 2019

Concept Update: No revisions have been required.

The required right-of-way has been revised since the approval of the Concept Report. Impacted properties were not increased.

Environmental Document Type: NEPA - CE

Approval Date: ~~Pending~~ June 29, 2022

Public Involvement:

- Public Hearing Open House: N/A
- Public Detour Open House:
 - A Public Detour Open House was held on March 7, 2019, at the Oconee Veterans Park at 3500 Hog Mountain Rd, Watkinsville, Georgia 30677.
 - No comments were received via the court reporter, mail, or online.
 - Of the 69 attendees at the open house, 49 left comments. 12 comments were in support of the project, 18 opposed the project, 2 neither supported nor opposed the project, and 17 supported the project conditionally. Some comments expressed concern for pedestrians, aesthetic design, and emergency response. Many comments voiced concerns about the detour route and favored other alternatives instead. No changes to the project were made as a result of the open house comments. No public officials or other organization representatives were present apart from GDOT and Moffatt and Nichol representatives.

Consistency with Approved Planning: The design description as presented herein and submitted for approval is consistent with the approved Concept Report.

Recommendations: Recommend that the location and design for the project be approved and that the attached Notice be approved for advertising.

Concur: Hiral Patel 3/31/2022
GDOT Director of Engineering Date

Approve: _____ 4/11/2022
For GDOT Chief Engineer Date

DATE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL:

DRP June 30, 2022

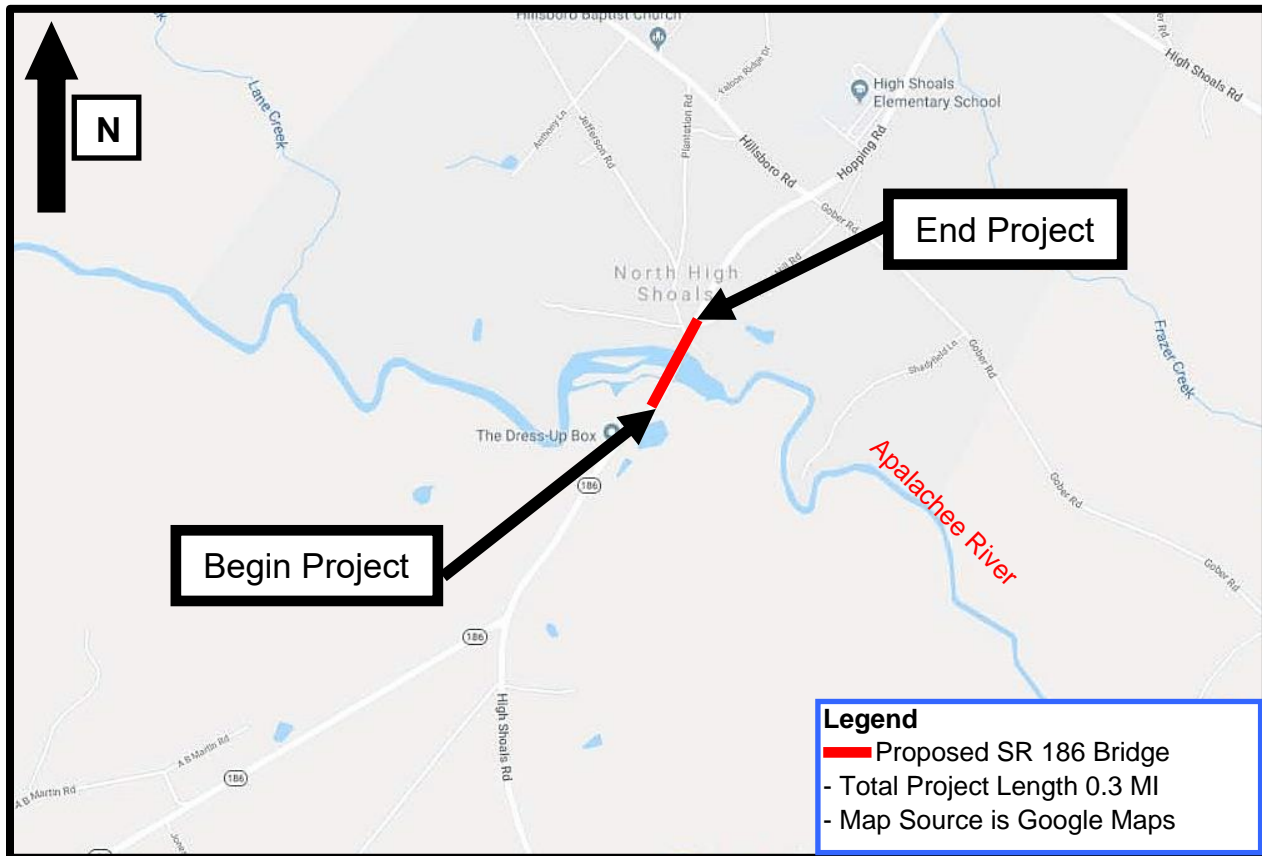
(To be entered by State Conceptual Design
Group Manager)

Attachments:

- Location Map
- Detour Map
- Notice of Location and Design Approval

County: Oconee, Walton

PROJECT LOCATION MAP



Bridge Replacement- SR 186 over Apalachee River

Oconee, Walton Counties

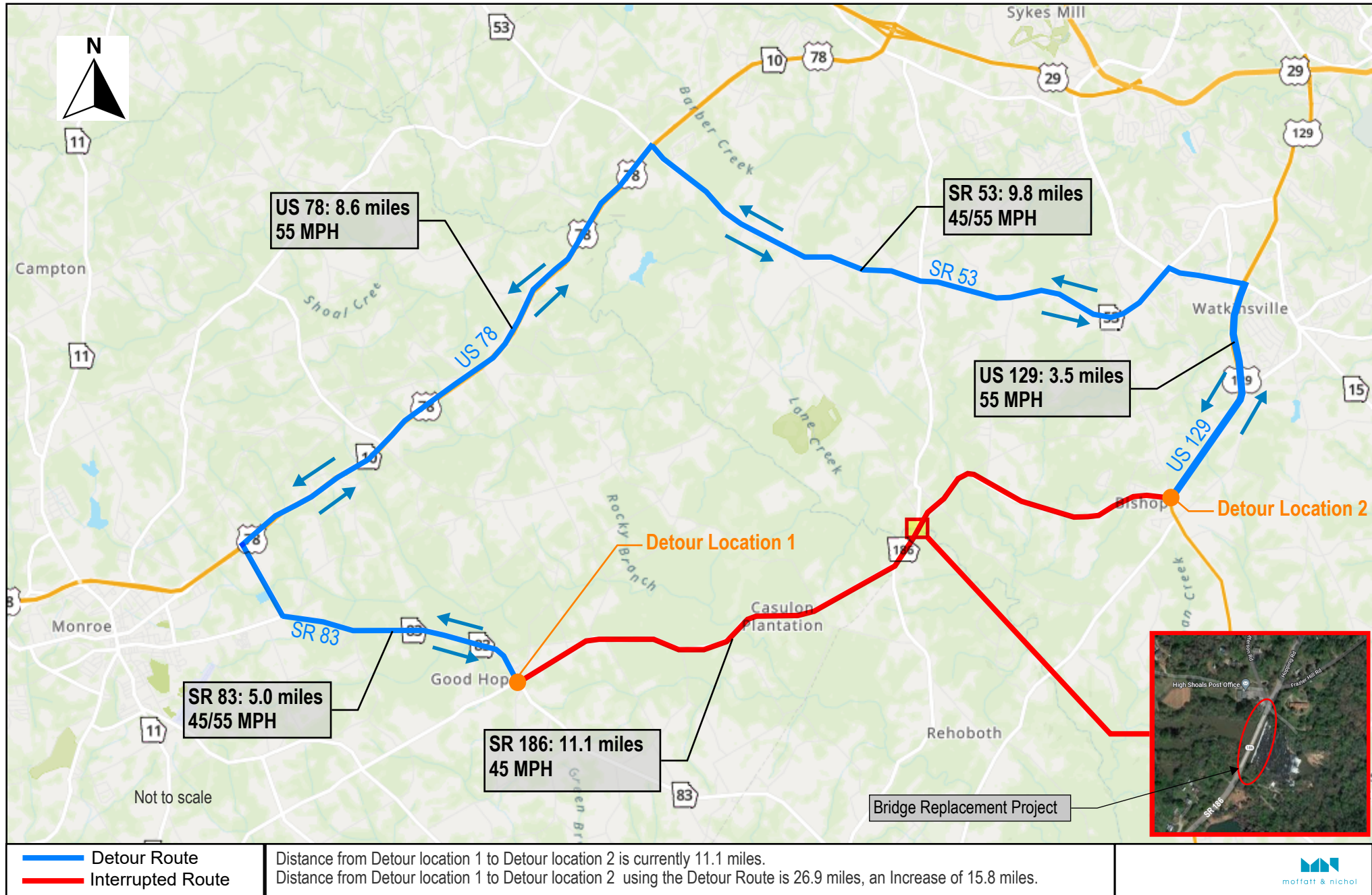
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Map Not To Scale

Detour Route Map for SR 186 Bridge over Apalachee River

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NOTICE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL

P. I. 0013998

Oconee & Walton Counties

Notice is hereby given in compliance with Georgia Code 22-2-109 and 32-3-5 that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the Location and Design of this project.

The date of location and design approval is: June 30, 2022

The proposed project will replace the existing 468-foot long bridge at SR 186 and Apalachee River with an approximately 474-foot long bridge with 12-foot travel lanes and 8-foot shoulders. This project is located in the town of North High Shoals in Oconee and Walton counties. The overall project length is approximately 0.3 miles. The proposed offsite detour route has a net length of 15.8 miles and utilizes only state routes within the area. The proposed roadway typical section consists of 12-foot wide travel lanes. The shoulders will be widened to 8-foot shoulders (4-foot paved) and 13.5-foot shoulders in some areas with extended guardrail. The proposed bridge typical section consists of 12-foot wide lanes and 8-foot wide shoulders. This project will last 15 months and will include an off-site detour. The project is located in Land District 2 in Walton County, and G.M.D, 239 in Oconee County.

Drawings or maps or plats of the proposed project, as approved, are on file and are available for public inspection at the Georgia Department of Transportation:

Kevin Dewitt, Area Manager
District 1, Area 2
kdewitt@dot.ga.gov
450 Old Hull Road, Athens, GA 30601
(770) 531-5780

Any interested party may obtain a copy of the drawings or maps or plats or portions thereof by paying a nominal fee and requesting in writing to:

Kimberly W. Nesbitt, State Program Delivery Administrator
Office of Program Delivery
Attn: Jasmine Chatman
JChatman@dot.ga.gov
600 West Peachtree St NW
25th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30308
(678) 593-0888

Any written request or communication in reference to this project or notice SHOULD include the Project and P. I. Numbers as noted at the top of this notice.